

COL Gregory S. Bowen
Commander, 100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD)

Colonel Gregory S. Bowen was born in Denver, Colorado and raised in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1982. After five years of enlisted service, he was commissioned in the Army National Guard as a Second Lieutenant, Air Defense Artillery, upon graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of North Dakota Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 1987.

His first assignment was to Battery B, 1st Battalion 188th Air Defense Artillery (Vulcan/Stinger), Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he served as a Vulcan Platoon Leader, Stinger Platoon Leader, and subsequently, as the Executive Officer. In 1992, COL Bowen assumed command of Battery B, 1-188th ADA. After completing command in 1995, he was assigned as the Assistant S-3 for 1-188th ADA. In 1996, COL Bowen entered the Active Guard and Reserve program, assigned as the full time Training Officer, and remained as the assistant S-3. In 1998, he became Battalion S-3 for 1-188 ADA. In 2000, he was selected for a Title-10 tour at U.S. Army Space Command, serving as a Plans Officer for the National Missile Defense Program until 2003. From 2003 to 2006, he commanded the 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, Alaska. He then served as Chief, Current Operations and Future Operations as well as National Guard Liaison Officer at U.S. Strategic Command Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense until 2009.

COL Bowen's federal awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, the U.S. Air Force Space and Missile Badge (Basic), and the Parachutist Badge. His state awards include the North Dakota Commendation Medal, the Emergency Service Ribbon (2 awards), and the Basic Training Ribbon.

